



INDIANA OFFICE OF  
**Community & Rural Affairs**  
*Where Rural Matters*



# ***Investments, Impacts, and Success Stories*** **2010 Indiana CDBG Program Recap**



***Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs***  
***Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority***

# From Lt. Governor Skillman..

“Projects funded by the CDBG program make a positive impact on rural Indiana. Community infrastructure and quality of life projects are a key to economic success of Indiana’s smaller communities.”

*-Lt. Governor Becky Skillman*



## New Programs

The Stellar Communities program is a multi-agency partnership designed to fund comprehensive community development projects in Indiana’s smaller communities. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and Indiana Department of Transportation, along with the State Revolving Fund, are participating in this innovative program.



The Stellar Communities program embodies collaborative government partnerships and successfully leverages state and federal funding from multiple agencies to undertake large-scale projects. Through this program, Indiana is doing more with current resources and making a bigger impact in communities, even with a slimmer budget.

***Between the three participating agencies, the state will invest approximately \$12-15 million over a three year period in each Stellar Community.***

### Greencastle Stellar Program

- Revitalize courthouse square and central business district
- Create pedestrian friendly residential areas
- Enhance housing options - second story loft housing in commercial district and new construction in South Court neighborhood
- Community health initiatives, including new community health center and new trail linking community to recreational area
- Partnership with Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
- Technology hub/Wi-Fi bubble in commercial district

### North Vernon Stellar Program

- Arvin Redevelopment site - 3.5 Acre Brownfield site, clearing the way for private investment
- Carnegie Library Restoration
- Depot Events Center Renovation
- Downtown Streetscapes
- Historic Uptown Streetscape improvements near Irish Hill neighborhood
- Construct pedestrian-friendly plaza space
- Main Street Development - mixed use for both commercial and residential development

# Planning

**A total of \$1,737,484 was granted for planning projects.**

Planning is the first step a local community takes toward creating a better place for its residents to live. The Indiana State CDBG program emphasizes planning as a comprehensive community activity to drive holistic, sustainable growth in Hoosier communities. Planning allows cities, towns, and counties to explore new ideas, better understand costs and construction possibilities, and make smart decisions that will impact current and future generations of local residents.

Planning is also now more important than ever to recognize future funding opportunities.

*Key Planning Areas Include:*

- **comprehensive planning**
- **economic sustainability planning**
- **water and infrastructure planning**
- **historic preservation planning**
- **community facility planning**

***The Town of Hope*** was awarded \$47,367 to fund a comprehensive plan to assess the town's existing conditions and identify actions needed for future development. Components of the plan include collecting and analyzing data, setting goals and objectives, and short- and long- term community planning.

# Economic Development

New companies and new jobs are critical to a community's economic success. As Indiana continues to be a sought-after place for national and international companies to locate, CDBG dollars help more rural areas attract new employers to their area that help the surrounding community thrive.

***Miami County*** was awarded \$2,000,000 for an economic development project in 2010. The funds will be used to convert an empty airport hangar on the former Grissom Air Force base into a production facility for the Dean Baldwin Painting Company's expanded operations. The company's expansion into Indiana will benefit a six county region and create 200 full time jobs, 103 of which benefit low-to-moderate income individuals.



# Quality of Life

Strong communities are built from more than bricks and mortar. CDBG dollars help communities develop strong sense of place by funding community centers and other facilities, preserving historical elements, creating aesthetically pleasing downtown environments which support local businesses, and other projects which help communities thrive.

***A total of \$7,000,216 was granted for quality of life projects.***

***The Town of Monon*** was awarded \$450,366 to fund streetscape improvements. The project includes the installation of 2,300 linear feet of new sidewalk and curbs, twenty-five streetlights, trash receptacles and planters. New storm inlets and 1,000 linear feet of storm pipe are also included in the project. The total project cost of \$503,200 will make dramatic improvements to the nationally designated historic district.



# Infrastructure

Infrastructure serves as part of the foundation for all communities. Clean and safe drinking water, accessible sidewalks and curbs, proper wastewater treatment, emergency response vehicles, and other needs addressed by the CDBG program are essential to a community's economic success and create a better atmosphere for businesses and residents.

***A total of \$14,235,132 was granted for water/waste/storm infrastructure construction.***



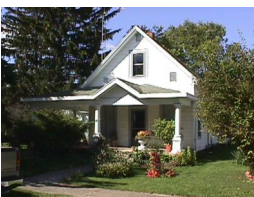
***The Town of Osgood*** was awarded \$600,000 to make improvements to the town's wastewater treatment plant and collection system. The existing wastewater treatment plant currently experiences considerable problems with inflow and infiltration after heavy rain events. Once the project is complete, the system will be compliant with environmental standards and resolve health concerns of local residents associated with untreated wastewater.

# Housing

In many cases, growing Indiana's economy starts at home. Indiana is committed to making the state a better place to live through housing development and community revitalization. Indiana's housing programs generate and preserve community assets, create housing opportunity, and revitalize neighborhoods by investing financial and technical resources in the development efforts of qualified partners throughout Indiana.



The Indiana Housing and Community Authority primarily utilizes CDBG to fund Owner Occupied Rehabilitation projects throughout the state.



Owner Occupied Rehabilitation allows for an average of \$20,000 per household to address health and safety issues including lead hazard, installation of energy efficient windows and doors, as well as replacement roofs and gutters. These efforts allow for Hoosiers to remain in their homes to age in and contribute to their community of choice.

Indiana allocated \$3,651,862 of Community Development Block Grant funds for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation efforts on over 155 units throughout 12 Indiana communities.

City of Huntington	\$400,000	20 homes	
City of Bicknell	\$200,000	11 homes	
City of Angola	\$225,000	12 homes	
City of Madison	\$300,000	18 homes	
City of North Vernon	\$500,000	Stellar Community	
Town of Crothersville	\$294,062	17 homes	
Orange County	\$141,400	8 homes	
Town of Sandborn	\$190,000	9 homes	
Washington County	\$151,400	10 homes	
City of Washington	\$650,000	30 homes	
City of Aurora	\$300,000	20 homes	
City of Greencastle	\$300,000	Stellar Community	

